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## **River Jam Opens Up Summer of Fun in Troy** **Concert To Benefit the Regional Food Bank**

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(June 1, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry J. Tutunjian announced Wednesday that the inaugural River Jam will take place this Saturday in Riverfront Park. The concert, an all day festival featuring prominent local and national jam bands will benefit the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

The all-day festival begins at noon on Saturday and runs through 7 p.m. In addition to food, arts, and crafts, there will be seven musical acts taking the stage at Riverfront Park, including: Dr. Jah & The Love Prophets, Scarecrow Collection, School Bus Yellow, The Rev Tor Band, Adam Foster, Oshe, and Raisinhead.

The forecast for Saturday calls for sunny skies and hot weather and will be the unofficial kickoff to summer fun in Troy. Several events, including the Second Annual River Street Festival, will be officially announced next week.

“The River Jam is the unofficial kickoff to the summer season in Troy,” Tutunjian said. “We have many more events that will be announced in the coming weeks, but this Saturday there will be seven hours of nonstop fun in the heart of downtown. It certainly benefits a terrific cause and we hope everyone comes out Saturday and has a great time.”

Bill LeRoux, from albanystage.com, is the organizer of the event. LeRoux said Wednesday that he believes the show will be a tremendous success and hopes to continue it in the future.

“It’s a show that we’ve been wanting to do for quite some time,” LeRoux said. “Everyone is extremely excited to head down to Riverfront Park this weekend for a free festival with plenty of great music all benefiting a great cause..”

Organizers are asking that anyone attending the festival on Saturday bring a nonperishable canned food item to benefit the Regional Food Bank.

More information on the festival can be found at [albanystage.com](http://albanystage.com)